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Other embodiments are in the claims.

## SEQUENCE LISTING

The patent contains a lengthy "Sequence Listing" section. A copy of the "Sequence Listing" is available in electronic form from the USPTO web site (http://seqdata.uspto.gov/?pageRequest=docDetail&DocID=US07973020B2). An electronic copy of the "Sequence Listing" will also be available from the USPTO upon request and payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.19(b)(3).

## We claim:

- 1. A double-stranded ribonucleic acid (dsRNA) for inhibiting the expression of a gene in the Ebola virus in a cell, wherein said dsRNA comprises a sense strand and an antisense strand, wherein said sense strand consists of SEQ ID NO: 153 and wherein said antisense strand consists of SEQ ID NO: 154.
  - 2. A cell comprising the dsRNA of claim 1.
- 3. A pharmaceutical composition for inhibiting the expression of a gene from an Ebola virus in an organism, comprising the dsRNA of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier
- **4**. A method for inhibiting the expression of a gene from the 50 Ebola virus in a cell, the method comprising:
  - (a) introducing into the cell a double-stranded ribonucleic acid (dsRNA), wherein said dsRNA comprises a sense strand and an antisense strand, wherein said sense strand consists of SEQ ID NO: 153 and wherein said antisense strand consists of SEQ ID NO: 154; and
  - (b) maintaining the cell produced in step (a) for a time sufficient to obtain degradation of the mRNA transcript of a gene from the Ebola virus, thereby inhibiting expression of a gene from the Ebola virus in the cell.
- **5.** A method of increasing life-span of a subject infected with an Ebola virus, comprising administering to the subject a dsRNA, wherein said dsRNA comprises a sense strand and

- an antisense strand, wherein said sense strand consists of SEQ ID NO: 153 and wherein said antisense strand consists of SEQ ID NO: 154, and wherein said dsRNA is administered in an amount sufficient to increase the life-span of said subject.
- 6. A method of treating or managing pathological processes mediated by Ebola expression in a patient, comprising administering to said patient a dsRNA, wherein said dsRNA comprises a sense strand and an antisense strand, wherein said sense strand consists of SEQ ID NO: 153 and wherein said antisense strand consists of SEQ ID NO: 154, and wherein said dsRNA is administered in an amount sufficient to treat or manage said pathological processes mediated by Ebola expression in said patient.
- 7. A method of decreasing viral titre in a subject infected with an Ebola virus, comprising administering to the subject a dsRNA, wherein said dsRNA comprises a sense strand and an antisense strand, wherein said sense strand consists of SEQ ID NO: 153 and wherein said antisense strand consists of SEQ ID NO: 154, and wherein said dsRNA is administered in an amount sufficient to decrease Ebola viral titre in said subject.
- **8**. The method of claim **7**, wherein the platelet count in said subject is sustained while said viral titre decreases.
- 9. The method of claim 7, wherein the lymphocyte count in said subject is sustained while said viral titre decreases.

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